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Prior to joining CDT, Mr. Dempsey was Deputy Director of the Center for National Security Studies. From 1995 to 1996, Mr. Dempsey also served as special counsel to the National Security Archive, a non-governmental organization that uses the Freedom of Information Act to gain the declassification of documents on the U.S. foreign policy.

From 1985 to 1994, Mr. Dempsey was assistant counsel to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. His primary areas of responsibility for the Subcommittee were oversight of

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From 1980 to 1984, Mr. Dempsey was an associate with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arnold & Porter, where he practiced in areas of government and commercial contracts, energy law, and anti-trust. He also maintained an extensive pro bono representation of death row inmates in federal habeas proceedings. He clerked for the Hon. Robert Braucher of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Mr. Dempsey is author of several articles on Internet policy, including [Communications Privacy In The Digital Age: Revitalizing The Federal Wiretap Laws To Enhance Privacy](#), and co-author of the book [Terrorism & the Constitution: Sacrificing Civil Liberties in the Name of National Security](#) (2006) (with Prof. David Cole of Georgetown law school).